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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN ON NICKEL AND BURUNDI

1. JACK ANDERSON COLUMN APPEARING IN MARCH 14 WASHINGTON POST TITLED QUOTE U.S. WOOS BURUNDI DESPITE KILLINGS END QUOTE DISCUSSES USG RESUMPTION OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI IN VIEW OF RECENT NICKEL FIND AND POSSIBILITY OF HYDROCARBON DEPOSITS. ANDERSON GIVES BRIEF RESUME OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD BURUNDI FOLLOWING THE EVENTS AND CONTINUES AS FOLLOWS QUOTE: YOST RECOMMENDED RESUMING NORMAL RELATIONS. HE BOLSTERED HIS ARGUMENT IN A CONFIDENTIAL "ACTION PAPER" WHICH HE FILED FROM BURUNDI ON JANUARY 11, 1974. AMONG THE NEW "US POLICY OBJECTIVES" HE LISTED WAS THIS ONE: "TO PROMOTE VIABLE U.S. INVESTMENT. THIS HAS ASSUMED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WITH THE APPEARANCE OF A U.N. SURVEY REPORT INDICATING THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE IN BURUNDI OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR NICKEL DEPOSITS." GENERAL SCOWCROFT CAUTIONED US AGAINST PUBLISHING EXCERPTS FROM THE INCRIMINATING DOCUMENTS. "THIS IS SENSITIVE MATERIAL," HE SAID, AFFECTING U.S. RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE

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THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO KNOW THAT THE U.S. FOR THE SAKE

OF CORPORATE CONCESSIONS IS COURTING A NATION GUILTY OF
GENOCIDE. END QUOTE.

2. IN HIS COLUMN, ANDERSON ASSERTS HE HAS SEEN THE VARIOUS
DOCUMENTS QUOTED IN HIS ARTICLE I.E. THE MEMOS TO AND FROM

THE NSC, A-31 OF MARCH 73, AND THE ACTION PAPER OF JAN 74.
TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED.

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